

REMARKS

No new matter has been added by the amendment. Claims 1-30 were originally filed. Claims 1-30 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-9 and 21-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Examiner's objection is addressed without traverse.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement, election was required to be made between claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 21-25, drawn to a muffler system attenuator, classified in class 181.
- II. Claims 10-20 and 26-30, drawn to a geological formation monitoring tool, classified in class 166.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 10-20 and 26-30 of Group II, without traverse.

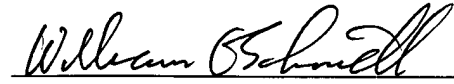
CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP

Applicant recognizes that with the cancellation of claims, there may be some inventors who are no longer the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the application. The claims will be reviewed with applicants, and, if required, a petition will be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) with the necessary fees at a later date.

No fee is believed to be due for these amendments. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to **Deposit Account 02-0429 (414-13238-CIP)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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